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Announcing the Winners of the Clean Air Champion 2000 Award!

Amanda Jones of Palo Alto and John B. Ruzek of Walnut Creek have been selected as the Bay Area Clean Air Champions for 2000. This recognition is based on their extraordinary dedication to reducing air pollution by encouraging the public to choose clean air alternatives to motor vehicles.

Ms. Jones established the Palo Alto Bike Station, the first in northern California, to foster the use of bicycles, as opposed to cars, in local commutes to the University Avenue Caltrain station. Ms. Jones serves on the national board for the establishment of bike stations and the Palo Alto Bicycle Advisory Committee. She is also employed as the commute coordinator for the City of Palo Alto. Ms. Jones can be contacted at (650) 329-2568.

Ruzek is a member of the board of directors of both the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC) and the San Francisco Bay Regional Bicycle Advisory Committee (REBAC). Ruzek's has devoted years of effort towards safer biking and pedestrian projects in the Bay Area. Ruzek believes that if better facilities are built, more people will use non-motorized, non-polluting alternatives to automobiles for local trips. Currently, he is an engineer at BART, working on the West Bay extension into the San Francisco Airport—another project that will help cut down on automobile emissions. Mr. Ruzek can be reached at (510) 287-4866.

For the past eight years, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, along with the American Lung Association, RIDES for Bay Area Commuters and the U.S. EPA have been honoring individuals or groups for their truly exceptional efforts to clean up the Bay Area's air.

Winners will be honored at an awards presentation on Wednesday, September 6, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, 7th floor boardroom, San Francisco.

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